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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1531

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS EFIS EC
SUBJ: ECUADOR'S EASING AWAY FROM 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM

REF: A) QUITO 1448 B) QUITO 800 C) QUITO 1278

1. A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS CHARGED WITH DRAFTING A NEW CONSTITUTION INFORMED EMBASSY MARCH 3 THAT A PROPOSAL TO ENSHRINE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM IN NEW CONSTITUTION (REF B&C) HAD BEEN REJECTED FOLLOWING INTERNAL DEBATES. IT WOULD THEREFORE NOT APPEAR IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO BE VOTED ON IN A REFERENDUM LATER THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE VOTE EXCLUDING THE PROVISION WAS OVERWHELMING, AND HE SAID THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS PERCEIVED THE MEASURE FOR THE DEMAGOGIC AND PERNICIOUS PROPOSAL IT WAS.

2. ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE TERRITORIAL SEA INITIATIVE AS REJECTED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION, AND EDITORIAL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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EL COMERCIO, QUITO'S LEADING DAILY, SUGGESTED THAT THE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT HAD ITS ROOTS IN ECUADOR'S TERRITOOIAL SEA CLAIM AND SINCE IT WAS ABOUT TO BE ACCEPTED UNIVERSALLY, IT OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED A TRIUMPH OF ECUADOREAN DIPLOMACY (REF A).

3. COMMENT: THE FONOFF LOBBIED SUCCESSFULLY TO EXCLUDE

THE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEP FROM ANY NEW CONSTI-
TUTION, AND EL COMERCIO HAS OFTEN SERVED AS A STALKING
HORSE FOR FONOFF POSITIONS. ON THE BASIS OF THESE EVENTS,
IT SEEMS MORE THAN LIKELY THAT FONOFF IS CONTINUING ITS
EFFORTS NOW EVIDENT FROM TIME TO TIME OVER THE PAST YEAR
TO OSFTEN DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION TO ACCEPT EVENTUALLY SOME-
THING LESS THAN A PURE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA DOCTRINE.
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